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Hornet Ranger Station, Ranger Dwelling  
(Building No. 1103)  
Payette National Forest  
National Forest Road No. 50002  
Council Vicinity  
Adams County  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HORNET RANGER STATION, RANGER DWELLING (Bldg. No. 1103)  
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Location: Payette National Forest  
15 miles southwest of Council  
0.2 miles north of Washington County line  
National Forest Road No. 50002, at Mill Creek  
Adams County  
Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Hornet SW, ID, quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:  
11.529300.4965000

Present Owner: Payette National Forest  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1026 Park Street  
McCall, Idaho 83638

Present Use: Abandoned

Statement of Significance:

The Hornet Ranger Station forms important historical associations with two federal agencies: the U.S. Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Both of these agencies were instrumental in the regional development of the West during the first half of the twentieth century.

PART 1. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The present dwelling was constructed in 1934.

2. Architect/Builder: The dwelling was built as a modified "Plan 1 Ranger's Dwelling." It was built as a cooperative project between personnel of the Weiser National Forest and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

3. Original and subsequent owners: The dwelling has always been property of the U.S. Forest Service.

4. Alterations and additions: A porch was enclosed along north elevation and the original window fenestration has been altered. The exterior of the building was once painted white with green trim. Today, the residence is painted avocado with white trim. To date, no documentation has been located as to when these changes occurred. Telephone service was added in the 1950s.

B. Historical Context: See overview section.

PART 1I ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The Ranger Dwelling is a one and one-half story house, 34 feet 4 inches long (N-S) and 33 feet 3 inches wide. It measures 16 feet high from the ground to the peak of the roof. The house consists of eight rooms of modest size. Rooms include three bedrooms, living room, bathroom, kitchen, enclosed rear porch, central hallway, and furnace room. A small crawl space furnishes access to the attic. The building site is spatially arranged with garage and out-buildings to facilitate the efficient use by the ranger.

1. Architectural character: The one and one-half story frame house with "double drop" horizontal siding is a modified "Plan 1 Ranger's Dwelling" (Hockaday 1968:41). It is a typical example of regional Forest Service architecture.

2. Condition of the fabric: The overall condition of the historic fabric is good. A number of modifications to the original construction have been made, though no records were located to document these changes.

## B. Description of Exterior

1. Foundations: The structure has a "footer" dressed concrete foundation. There are two vents; one each on the east and west walls. A concrete porch along the facade (south elevation) contains two steps leading to an entryway. Porch dimensions measure 6 feet by 18.3 feet. The structure also contains two concrete steps adjacent to the rear door (north elevation).

2. Walls: The frame building is constructed with milled dimensional lumber of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. Wire nails were used throughout. Walls are set upon "2 by 6" sills. The exterior is faced with two-inch "double drop" overlapping siding. The corners of the building are trimmed in white.

3. Doors: The dwelling contains a main entry door positioned under the gable; the rear door is located near the northeast corner. The main entry, or front door, has a flat structural opening. It has four panels carved from Douglas fir. The transom is a fan light divided with three spokes. The wood has a thin layer of varnish; molded trim is painted white. The rear door is wood with three panels; the transom contains six panes of glass. The rear door is painted white with green molded trim.

4. Windows: The fenestration includes 14 windows either of the double hung or two-sash type. The north, east, and west elevations contain four windows; the facade contains two windows. There are five sizes included within the total:

- a. 4 feet by 3 feet, 4 panes over 4 (double hung);
- b. 2.9 feet by 4.45 feet, 3 panes over 3;
- c. 2.08 feet by 4.45 feet, 2 panes over 4;
- d. 3.5 feet by 3.5 feet, single pane; and
- e. 2.33 feet by 2.66 feet, double hung.

5. Roof: The medium gable roof was originally covered with wood shingles; in recent years the roof was covered with corrugated metal. A small gable intersects with the southeast corner of the roofline covering the front porch. The roof is trimmed at the gable ends with a plain boxed cornice.

## C. Description of the Interior

1. Floor plan: The first floor is divided into eight rooms of modest size. Rooms include three bedrooms, living room, bathroom, kitchen, enclosed rear porch, central hall

1. Floor plan (cont.)

way, and furnace room. A small crawl space furnishes access to an attic.

2. Flooring and ceiling: The original flooring was tongue and groove pine. The majority of the flooring has been covered with linoleum. The ceiling is finished with a light weight pressed fiber board that has been spackled and painted.

3. Other features: The kitchen has painted pine cabinets. Interior walls are covered with press board and a 1960s style four by eight veneer paneling. The bathrooms are finished with pressed fiber board. Windows, doors, and baseboards are trimmed with pine. The northwest bedroom has original tongue and groove wood floor.